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**3DA, SWAZILAND.** Andre, ZS6WPX, will be operating from here **April 28th through May 2nd** as **3DA0WPX**. He will be operating on 160-10 meters. Andre states to check the following Web page for QSL info: <http://www.infozone.co.za/hlatest.htm>

**4W, EAST TIMOR.** A **4W6SP** showed up on the air **April 21st**. Most of the activity has been on 20 meters CW, but there have been some reports on 20/15 meters SSB. Not much is known on this station, but hopefully we will know more next week. QSL was reported to be 9A2AA.

**5I, YAMBE ISLAND, TANZANIA (Update/Change/New IOTA).** Nasser, A41KG, has informed OPDX that the twelve members of the Royal Omani Amateur Radio Society (ROARS) will be heading/traveling to the **Tanga Province**, Tanzania, on **June 27th**, to activate Yambe Island instead of Toten Island as first reported. This is due to the advise from the IOTA committee. They wish to respect and obey the rules and regulations since Toten Island does not qualify for the IOTA program. The ROARS team reviewed their plans and have gotten the permission to activate Yambe Island by the Tanzania Communication Commission, which is about three KM from Toten Island. Therefore, Nasser reports that the team has already finished their administration preparation and plans for this expedition. They will use the callsigns **5I3A** and **5I3B**. They plan to be on the air simultaneously from **July 1-10th**, operating SSB/CW and digital on all bands. QSL cards are via A47RS, P.O. Box 981, Muscat, Code: 113 Sultanate of Oman. More details will be published soon.

**7O, YEMEN.** Operators DJ7MG, DK1II, DK9KX and DL5EBE continue to be very active as **7O1YGF** (Yemen German Friendship) from **Sanaa** mostly on CW with activity on SSB/RTTY. Operations have been on all bands, but most of the activity seems to be on 20/15 meters and the WARC bands. They will continue to be active until April 30th. QSL: QSL all CW QSOs via DJ3XD and all SSB/RTTY QSOs via DK9KX, either via the bureau or to their CBA.

**A5, BHUTAN.** We are just a little over a week away (**May 1-12th**) before a major operation

takes place from this number 2 most wanted country hits the airway. A quick recap of details presents that the operators will be: 9V1YC, JA3IG, JA3USA, JF1IST, OH2BU, ON4WW, RA3AUU, UA3AB, K3VN, K4UEE, K5VT, N0MJ, N1DG, W0GJ and W3WL. Using ONLY 100 watts, the operating frequencies are:

- **CW** - 1826.5, 3504, 7004, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894, 28024
- **SSB** - 3795, 7095, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28475
- **RTTY** - 14080, 21080, 28080

It has been reported that an interactive Web site will be operational shortly at:

<http://www.goldtel.net/A5/> Thw Web site will contain: daily log, daily schedule, current statistics, the latest WWV (w/grayline and MUF information links), latest PacketCluster A5 spots from around the world, and links to sponsors/supporters. QSL via W0GJ: Glenn Johnson, 14164 Irvine, Bemidji, MN 56601 USA.

**BQ9P WRAP-UP.** Paul Daley, WT8S, informs OPDX that the preliminary totals for **BQ9P Pratas Island DXpedition** are 31,000 plus QSOs. About 15,000 QSOS were on SSB, 15,000 on CW and over 1300 on RTTY. Leo/K8PYD and Paul were particularly pleased with the 1300 QSOs on RTTY and even more so with the number of USA callsigns on that mode, more than half of which were east of the Mississippi which showed the greatest need on RTTY in the recent DX Magazine survey for RTTY. Paul states that he will be submitting an article on the BQ9P 2000 operation in an upcoming Issue of DX Magazine, focusing primarily on the RTTY aspects.

**DXCC YEARBOOK 1999 OUT SOON.** "The ARRL Letter" reports this week: "The DX Yearbook 1999 was delayed slightly this year. The ARRL DXCC Desk says the book is now at the printer's and will be available in mid to late May. ARRL member-participants who submitted DXCC applications between October 1, 1998, and September 30, 1999, and/or current Honor Roll members will receive a complimentary Yearbook in the mail. For more information, contact Bill Moore, NC1L, [bmoore@arrl.org](mailto:bmoore@arrl.org).--DXCC Desk"

**GD, ISLE OF MAN.** Ian, G0KRL, informs OPDX that he will be operating from the island **April 30th through May 12th**, as **GD0KRL/P**. It is a vacation, but he hopes to be active every day. Activity will be on all HF bands, mainly SSB, with some RTTY using an Alinco DX-70 and multiband vertical aerial. QSL via the bureau or direct to his home callsign. E-mail QSL requests for the bureau can be sent to: [g0krl@arrl.net](mailto:g0krl@arrl.net)

**HC8, GALAPAGOS ISLANDS.** Trey/N5KO and Stephen/K6AW plan to activate **HC8N** during the **CQ WPX CW Contest (May 27-28th)** as a multi-single entry. QSL via AA5BT.

**HM0DX MYSTERY (More).** Toshi, JA1ELY, informs OPDX that "according to our beam trackings, the signals came from JA7 district. Operator spoke English in a broad Tohoku (JA7 district) accent."

**INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY (IMD).** On **April 29th** (from 0000-2400z), over 40 International Marconi Day Special Event stations will be participating world wide. These Marconi Day Stations will represent Historic Guglielmo Marconi transmitting and receiving stations and will commemorate milestones in the development of worldwide wireless communications By Guglielmo Marconi. The Marconi Radio Club, W1AA/IMD of

Massachusetts, will represent the Marconi Transatlantic Station where Marconi completed his first spark gap radio transmission between the United States and Europe on January 18, 1903. The Marconi Radio Club will have several stations on the bands for the event. Check out the Marconi Radio Club W1AA Web site at: <http://personal.tmlp.com/k1vv/w1aa/> Sponsor - C.R.A.C. - International Marconi Day link: (List of participating stations and award information). Also, check the Cornish Radio Amateur Club Web site at: <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~straff/>

## IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-NEW**. Members of Jiangsu DX Club (JSDXC) plan to be active as **BI4L** from **Changdao Island**, part of the Miaodao Islands in the Shandong Province North Group, from **May 1-3rd**. Operations will be on CW, SSB and RTTY; 160-6 meters. QSL via BY4RSA.
- **AS-NEW**. Roman, RV3MA, informs OPDX that he will activate **Ushakova Island** in Kara Sea **about May 7th**. This expedition is organized and supported by Polar World Company. He will use the callsign **RV3MA/0** or possibly another. Activity will be on CW/SSB on the IOTA frequencies. QSL Manager is Elen, RV3ACA. For more info on the expeditions, check the Web sites at: <http://www.skypole.ru> or <http://rrc.sc.ru>
- **AS-062**. Alex, UA0FCD, will be active from **Shikotan Island** in the Habomai Group (RR-15-06), **June-July 2000**. More details should be forthcoming.
- **AS-134**. Here is another chance to work the members of The Beijing DX Club once again from **Shijiutuo Island** (118 49' 36"E, 39 08' 43"N). Activity will be from **May 1st through 4th**. They will use the callsign **BI3H** and plan to operate on CW and SSB on the normal IOTA frequencies from 40 to 10 meters with two stations active (one beam and one linear amplifier will be used). The first station is expected to be active at approximately 1000z on May 1st. They plan to work North America during 2300z to 0200z and 1100z to 1400z. The team members will include Ken/BA1AJ, Alan/ BA1DU, Guo/BA1GYS, Chen/BA1HAM, Ban/BA1MK, Chen/BA1MT, Wu/BG1CE and others. QSL via W3HC.
- **AS-145**. This a new IOTA activated by the E29DX DXpedition to **Mouse Island** between **April 6-15th**. The operation was a few hours on the first evening due to a fuel problem with the generators. They made 12485 QSOs. The QSL route is via HS0GBI CBA: 56-31 Moo 10, Kookat, Lumlukka, Patum Thani, 12130, Thailand). For more information, check the Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/tg1996/> OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete wrap-up report by Ray, HS0/G3NOM, as an additional bulletin.
- **EU-066**. Vlad/RZ1OA and Dima/UA1OLM will be active as **RZ1OA/A** and **UA1OLM/A** from **Solovetskiye Island** between **April 28th and May 5th**. QSL via RZ1OA: Vlad Sadakov, P.O. Box 48, Arkhangelsk, 163040, Russia.
- **EU-090**. (RARE!) In the beginning of June this year members of the "Croatian IOTA Hunters Group" and the "ARC Koprivnica" will organize a DXpedition to **Palagruza Island**. DXpedition leader is Kresimir, 9A7K, with possibly 5 to 7 others operators, who will be active from this RARE IOTA during the period of **June 7-14th** (possibly 2-3 days longer, depending on the sponsorships), using the special event callsign **9A10C**. The 9A10C callsign will be used to celebrate the **10th anniversary of Independence of the Rep. of Croatia**. Activity will be on all HF bands + the WARC bands. They will also be on 2 and 6 meters. The Island of Palagruza also has the reference numbers of: World

Lighthouse LH-057 and Croatian Islands CI-084. Their equipment will be: TS-570D, TS-690, TS830-S, IC-726, TS-711-S, FL-7000 TL-922, TH6DXX, DIPOLES, 2M - 6M TONNA 12/5 ELEMENTS. Another callsign, **9A7K/p** will also be active from the same island, (9A7K - DIG 5738, IPA 624355, 10x10 66076, CBC 841 ). QSL via 9A7K: Kresimir Juratovic, P.O.BOX 88, HR-48000 Koprivnica, CROATIA. QSLs will also be available at FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, GERMANY Hamfest June 22-24th at Croatian Radio Association's stand.

- **EU-136.** Dusan/S52DG and Rok/S52ND will operate from the Croatian IOTA **KRK Island** (CI-046), as **9A/S52DG/P** and **9A/S52ND/P** between **April 24-27th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, SSB/CW. QSL direct to S52DG, Dusan Mohoric, Ojstri Vrh 12, 4228 Zelezniki, SLOVENIA or via the bureau. (TNXs vdc)
- **EU-145.** Carlos, CT1END, reports that photos are now available on-line for the DXpedition to **Culatra Island (March 11-12th**, other reference numbers DIP AL-001 and DMP 0805) are at the following Web site: <http://www.qsl.net/ct1end/>
- **OC-033.** Dany, FK8VHY, will be signing **FK8VHY/P** from **Tiga Island** (Loyaute) from **April 29th to May 1st**.
- **OC-131.** Alain, F2HE/FO0CLA, will be active from **Takapoto Island** in the Tuamotu Archipelago from **April 18th for around one month**.
- **VARIOUS.** Ed, NT2X, reports that Nick Smerdov, RA1QQ, is planning IOTA activations of several Russian islands in **July**. IOTAs mentioned were **EU-119, EU-066, EU-147**. As an alternate, an **EU-162** is also planned.

**KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS.** Mie/7L1MKM and Hiro/JK1FNN will be active from **Saipan Island (OC-086)** between **May 3rd and 5th**, using the callsigns **KH0/homecall**. Activity will be on 40-15 meters. They plan to participate in the "Children's Day" Contest which is organized by Japan's UNICEF Ham Club. Details of the contest are available at: <http://www.juhc.org/en/> QSLs via JK1FNN.

**LB, NORWAY (Attention Prefix Hunters).** "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Norwegian Novices who use **LB prefix** are now allowed to use **100 watts on all bands**. Previously they were limited to 15 watts.

**OL5, CZECH REPUBLIC.** The club station OK1KJA has just received a new contest callsign. Be looking for **OL5TEN** to be aired in major contest. QSL via OK1JN.

**ON6TT WILL BE ON THE MOVE AGAIN.** Well-known DXer, Peter, ON6TT (now active as YU8/ON6TT), will be leaving for a trip to **Nepal, Pakistan, Iran, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan** and **Armenia**. Do not be surprised if you see activity from these areas by Peter.

**PY0F, FERNANDO DE NORONHA.** Gerard, F2JD/PY2ZDX, will be active as **PY2ZDX/PY0F** from **May 7-15th**. His activity will be on 40-6 meters CW/SSB.

#### **QSL INFO AND NEWS.....**

- Jim Smith, **VK9NS**, informs OPDX and its readers that he will be off of Norfolk Island for the next couple of months and will be travelling fairly extensively during this period. So, for the next couple of months Jim's usual FAST return QSL policy will be impossible, but, of course on his return to Norfolk, he will deal with any backlog of QSL cards quite quickly. SPECIAL NOTE: OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive Jim's special



message to the readers of OPDX as an additional bulletin.

- **AX0LD QSL ROUTE CHANGE.** Cesar, PY2YP, reports that "due to some problems detected with the Central Post Office" he recommends to send your AX0LD QSL to the following address: Cesar Augusto C Rodrigues, Al Min Rocha Azevedo, 495 AP 121, Sao Paulo 01410-001, Brazil. All QSLs received until now, (e.g. April 19, 2000) are listed in the CWSP Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/cwsp/search.html> If you've sent to the P.O. Box address at a reasonable time and your callsign is not listed in the search applet, please re-send to Cesar home address.
- The **4W6EB** logs are now available on-line at: <http://dx.qsl.net/logs/> The logs have been updated through April 8th. You can also see what the QSL card looks like.
- Pascual, EA5EYJ, informs OPDX that QSL routes for the **2000 CQ WPX SSB Contest** are available at: <http://www.arrakis.es/~ea5eyj/wpxssb00.htm>
- HC8N QSL status. Derek, AA5BT, is almost caught up to January 2000 with the direct QSLs for **HC8N**. 11,000 blank cards arrived from the printer last week, so Derek will begin responding shortly to direct QSLs received for QSOs made in February and March 2000. QSL go to: Derek Wills, 4002 Amy Cir, Austin, TX 78759.
- Nikolaj Bubnov, **EX8MF** (ex-UM8MFO), informs OPDX that DL4YFF is not the QSL Manager for radio stations of Kyrgyzstan, including **EX0Y**.
- Special callsign **L47EC** is via LU7EC. It is OK through the Bureau or direct to: Lucas Mariano Elichagaray, Sarmiento #325 (B2703ASE), Carabelas, Buenos Aires.
- **PP500B** was activated by Edy, PP8EB. QSL Manager is PP8KWA, Jefferson Rayol Frederico, P.O. Box 4150, ZIP 69053-140 Manaus Am Brazil.
- Alex, **UA0FCD**, has refused the QSL services of QSL Manager SP7LZD. All contacts will now be confirmed through the Bureau for all QSOs for the July 26-30th (1999) UA0FCD/p DXpedition to Iturup Island (AS-025, RR-15-04). A log search for UA0FCD/p is available at: <http://www.qsl.net/ra0ff/>
- QSL **VY0AA** via VA5DX (ex VE5RA). The address for VA5DX is: Doug Renwick, PO Box 50, Clavet, Saskatchewan, S0K 0Y0, Canada

**SPECIAL EVENT (Attention CW Enthusiast!).** On **April 27th**, the Ukrainian Radio Telegraphic Morse Club (UCWC) will celebrate the **209th birthday of Samuel F.B. Morse**, the inventor of the radio telegraph, and be active on the air using the special callsign, **EMORSE** (all letters) **now through April 30th**. Activity will be on all bands including the WARC bands. A unique QSL card will be available through the QSL Manager DJ0MAQ, Czeslaw Grycz, Sigmaringer Str. 33, 10713 BERLIN Germany. They mention that a contact with EMORSE and the QSL card is a full valid membership to the Morse Club UCWC. The address for the HQ of the Morse Club UCWC is: P.O. Box 28, Chernigiv-Postamt, 14000 Ukraine, Europe. Their E-mail address is: [morse@ok.net.ua](mailto:morse@ok.net.ua) Their Web page is: <http://morse.cjb.net>

**SPECIAL EVENT.** Look for **ZW500T** to be active **until April 30th**, to celebrate the **500th anniversary of the discovery of Brazil** on all modes and bands. QSL via PS7ZZ.

**T8, PALAU.** Operators Misao/JJ1DWB/**T88MT**, Hiro/7N1KAE/**T88YH**, Hide/JM1LJS/**T88LJ** and Yo/(no JA callsign)/**T88\*\*** will be active on from **April 28th through May 3rd**. Activity will be on 75-6 meters SSB/CW. QSL information is as follows:

- **T88MT** via JJ1DWB (New Address), Misao Tanzawa, 5-5-30, Cyuou kofu Yamanashi 400-0032, JAPAN

- **T88YH** via 7N1KAE, Hiroyuki Yamada, 2-9-209, Chigusasai, Inage-Ku, Chiba-City 263-0013, JAPAN
- **T88LJ** via JH8DEH, Akira Miyata, 4-28-5, Minami, Nishi 23 Jyou, Obihiro 080-2473, JAPAN
- **T88\*\*** via JI1PLF, Suehiro Osada, 8-4-14-803 Shimorenjaku Mitaka-city, Tokyo 1810013 JAPAN

**V3, BELIZE.** Baldur, DJ6SI, is now active as **V31OM**. As usual, he is very active on CW on 160/80/40 meters. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via DJ6SI direct or via the bureau.

**V6, MICRONESIA.** Kuni/JA3DAU and Yoshihiro/JA3HRV will be active from **Yap Island, April 30th through May 3rd** as **V63BJ** and **V63BD**, respectively. Their activities will be on 40-6 meters CW/SSB. QSL V63BJ via JA3DAU and V63BD via JA3HRV.

**VK9, LORD HOWE ISLAND.** The "DX News Letter" reports that Ed, VK2INI/AA4EH, will sign **VK9LEH** from here (**OC-004**) now **through May 1st**. He will only be operating with 100 watts, verticals and wires antennas on CW (little SSB) on 40/20/15/10 meters. QSL via VK2INI, Ed Hula, Editor Around the Rings, 1/98 Cremorne Road, Cremorne, NSW 2090, Australia or AA4EH, Ed Hula, 1776 Peachtree Street, Suite 410-N, Atlanta, GA 30309, USA.

**WEB SITE MOVED.** Alan, N5PA, informs OPDX that the **Oklahoma DX Association** (OKDXA) has moved their Web site to a new URL address. Please change your bookmarks to: <http://www.qsl.net/okdxa/>

**XT, BURKINA FASO.** Dan, N9XAG, will not be returning to N'Dorola as XT2DP as originally planned. His missionary work has changed, and he hopes for another DX assignment in the future. All logs for his previous operation are available for QSLs via WB2YQH.

**ZK2, NIUE ISLAND.** A Spanish Novice **EC5DKD** is expected to be active from here between **April 24th and May 2nd**. After his operation from Niue, he plans go to **Tonga** (A3).

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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